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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): **Axel Weyer, Dirk Letzel, Reiner Külchen and Adolf Zajber**

FOR: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CHANGE OF SECTION OF A BILLET OF A CONTINUOUS CASTING PLANT DURING CONTINUOUS CASTING**

ENCLOSED ARE:

- (X) Specification (17 pages), Claims (6 pages/11 claims) & Abstract;
- (X) two (2) sheets of Drawings; (Figs. 1 and 2)
- (X) Declaration and Power of Attorney; **UNSIGNED**
- (X) Assignment to SMS Schloemann-Siemag Aktiengesellschaft;
- (X) Certified copy of GermanPat.Appli.No. 199 33 635.0 filed July 17, 1999 the priority of which is claimed under 35 USC 119;
- (X) Verified Statement to establish Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.9 & 1.27);
- (X) Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and references;

THE FILING FEE HAS BEEN CALCULATED AS SHOWN BELOW:

	Claims filed	Extra	SMALL ENTITY	or	LARGE ENTITY
Basic Fee			\$ 345.00		\$ 690.00
Total Claims	11	-20=	x \$ 9.=	x	\$ 18.=
Indep. Claims	1	- 3=	x \$ 39.=	x	\$ 78.=
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Respectfully submitted

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